Kinston from bearing the burden of cost for many services available only in Kinston but used by the entire county.

The 1990 Labor Force for Kinston is expected to be approximately 35% of the 1990 population or about 13,000 persons. Agricultural employment is expected to continue to decline, but reach a leveling-off point within the next twenty years. Non-manufacturing employment is expected to increase by 50% if its growth trend continues. High School graduates entering the labor force are expected to decline but also reach a leveling-off point unless national emphasis is placed on-the-job training rather than post high school education. The Kinston-Lenoir County Industrial Development Commission should seek to develop a balanced economy within the county so as to prevent dependence on any one specific type of industry.

The development of land is projected to increase by approximately 50% of which residential development will account for the largest specific classification of development. The development of single family residential lot is expected to continue the trend set in the north west areas of Kinston. Residential development should occur where projected municipal services will be available such as in the north, northwest, east and west areas of Kinston. The second largest specific type of development is projected to be that of Transportation, Communications and Utilities, such as roads, streets, sidewalks, etc. Development of practically all land within the planning area of Kinston will be directly related to where not only adequate soils are located but where water and sewer service can be extended and provided. Thus, with the